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TriStar's Rulon Bearings Add "Amusement" to Leading Theme Parks

<u>Rulon</u> bearings, best known for their long lifespan and ability to self-lubricate, are also helping to keep the rides running smoothly at some of the world's premier theme parks. You might even say Rulon is keeping the "amuse" in theme park amusement!

As summer approaches and the recession-weary look for a bit of escapism at area theme parks, our <u>team</u> is expanding our Rulon <u>inventory</u> — the largest in the US — to keep pace with seasonal demand. Our bearings are located aboard the brake mechanisms of some of the industry's most popular "dark" rides.

Dark drive, bright fun

Dark rides; or those that are enclosed and use special effects and artificial lighting; have exploded in popularity as thrill seekers look for even more spooky fun. Dark rides move through an indoor scene via a concealed electric track, and generally use sound, music, and animation to add drama and suspense. Many are based on the trials of movie icons or cartoon heroes, and appeal to riders of all ages.

Our Rulon <u>488</u> bearings are located on the brake calipers of the rides' vehicles, and enable the attraction to stop when they reach the "station" or exit area of the amusement.

Cool runnings, hot rides

Ride designers agree that Rulon bearings outperform bronze bushings, which can require intense and expensive upkeep and lubrication. Rulon bearings continuously selflubricate, which eliminates the worry of oil dissipation. And Rulon 488 actually functions better as the temperature heats up; even to 350°.

With an extended lifespan, flexible design, and temperature resistance, it's easy to see why Rulon is the top choice among design engineers.

Visit our Rulon <u>Selector Guide</u> to get just the right match for your application. Or read our <u>blog</u> to stay current on our latest innovations.

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The Advantage is Clear

Our business has been designed by you.

Established in 1982, TriStar Plastics Corp. provides engineering, custom fabrication and manufacturing of high-performance polymers, composites and self-lubricating bearing materials.

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